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LETTER

FROM THE LORD

INTRIM IN IRELAND TO THE

right Honourable the Earle of *Rutland*,

bearing date the 25. day of *Febr.*

Anno Dom. 1642.

Wherein is contained the Deſcription of Two Battells fought between the Engliſh and the Iriſh Rebels.

As alſo the Number of thoſe that were ſlaine on either ſide.

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My Lord,

It is a great ſorrow to me, my name and honour ſhould be ſo much defamed and ſcandalized by falſe and ſlanderous reports, nay permitted to be publiſhed in print, that I have revolted from my King and turned Rebell, the very name wounds mee ſore, which never had the leaſt thought of treaſon againſt my Soveraigne or diſloyalty to my Country, I am ſo farre from ſuch imaginations, that I will rather perish at his Majeſties feet, and ſuffer any punishment what ever ſhall be thought requiſite to briug a period to my life and fortunes, then live ſtained with ſuch a horrid denomination as Traytor: And am ſo farr incenſed againſt theſe reports, that I vow to God I will to the uttermoſt of my power maintaine the rightfull power and prerogatives of his ſacred Majeſty, to whom I deſire to approve my ſelfe an obedient ſubject and ſervant, and his Government as the undoubted and lawful King over his Maieſties Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and Ireland: I deſire not to be diſobedient to any the Lawes and Ordinances of his Parliament for the good Government of his Kingdomes, that may not abridge and reſtraine the free exerciſe of the Roman religion, which I am devoted to and am ingaged to maintaine in duty to God and reſpect of my future happineſſe and ſalvation. Her Maieſty, my Gracious Queene, I will to my power endeavour to obey, and her rightful raign

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in his Maieſties Dominions under his Gouerne-ment endeavour to uphold and maintaine to the uttermoſt of my life and Fortune: And ſuch re-ſpect and honour I owe to my Lady, whom my prayers are daily for, and to whom I recommend my deareſt affections, that ſhe may be confident I will intermeddie with any affaires that may I hope prove deſtructive to my ſelfe or Family, or in defamation to mine or her Honour, which I humbly deſire your Honour to certifie her, and to preſent his Maieſty with my unchangeable and dutifull Intentions.

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My Lord,

Some paſſages of the affaires here in *Ireland* I thought good to preſent you with all which is neceſſary to be taken notice of. There was a great Battell fought before the City of *Dublin*, where was ſlaine 4000. Engliſh and Scotch, and Sir *Edward* Denny one of our Captaines with his forces of 400. Souldiers hath Slaine *Thomas Eger* with five hundred more of his Souldiers, and put all the reſt (beſides ſome priſoners taken) to Flight. This is the greateſt overthrow to the Engliſh as yet hath been: And Sir Edward Denny having the Victory, on the next morning being by his Souldiers ſaluted in a moſt Noble manner, for their better encouragement, gave to each Souldier five pounds, and in vindication of his reputation made a royall Feaſt to entertaine his Souldiers, in a deriding and ſcoffing manner to the Engliſh. There was alſo another skirmiſh on ſaturday laſt, which continued ſome 8. houres betweene the Forces under the command of the Lord *Oſmond* Neterfield and others, and the Forces under the Command of Sir *Simon* Harecourt, Sir *William Cootes*, Mr. *Moore* of the Engliſh; the L. *Douglas*, Sir *Charles Bland*, Mr. *Henry Stewart*, and others of the Scots, where were Slaine 2000. Iriſh, and about 100. Scotch and Engliſh, the reſt of the Iriſh being forced to retire, great ſpoyles being left by them as a prey to the Engliſh of Ammunition and proviſion of Victuall

Victuall, ſufficient to furniſh and maintaine 500 men for 6. months, which was a great weakning to the Catholike party: And thus having no more at this preſent, I will not be troubleſome to your Honour, but humbly take my leave.

Your Honours in all

due obſervance

INTRIM.

Lemſter 25. Febr.
1642.

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